

2009 MAR/Youth Transitions Conference

War Bonnet Inn * Butte, MT

“Three Legs of the Stool: Balance Equals Success”



Educators, Counselors, etc. are invited to the
MAR/ Youth Transitions Conference
in Butte, MT on October 7-9, 2009 at the War Bonnet Inn.

Just as a stool needs three legs to remain standing, an effective transition needs partnerships between families, schools and supporting agencies. The *MT Association on Rehabilitation* and *MT Youth Transitions* have joined together to present this opportunity for students and their support teams. Come network, learn together and explore resources for building meaningful secondary transitions.



KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS



Through the generous support of the *Office of Public Instruction* and the *North Central Independent Living Center*, we are pleased to announce our exciting line-up of keynote presentations.

JONATHAN MOONEY is a renowned writer, neuro-diversity activist and author who introduces his audience to a new world: where the good kid doesn't sit still, and where some of the smartest kids in the class don't read well or don't read at all. He is a graduate of Brown University and is a leader in LD/ADHD disabilities, alternative education and Cognitive Diversity. Explaining the latest theories, Jonathan helps teachers and parents redefine what it is for students in the 21st century to think and to learn and to be successful.



LOGAN, MIKE AND KRISTIN MAXWELL: As are many Montana families with children with autism, the Maxwell's are working at developing necessary relationships and resources. The Maxwell family will talk about their journey through that process: they will identify hurdles and offer suggestions for establishing successful strategies. Logan is 20 yrs. old and has Autism. He is currently a student at the UM College of Technology and is working with his parents to improve understanding about Autism.

DEBRA WHITEHEAD is a Senior Consultant and Trainer with Creative Training, Accelerating Talent (CTAT). She facilitates learning and skills development in areas of leadership, team development and ethics in decision making, for schools and agencies serving people with disabilities. She holds a BS in Special Education and has over 25 years of experience in Human Resources and Training and Development.





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For registration information, log on to www.cspd.net. You may contact Nancy Marks at admin@cspd.net or at 406-728-2400 x 1088 with questions about registration.

The following credits are available: OPI renewal credits, VR continuing education credits, 1 UM college credit (with fee paid at time of conference), and Social Work and Professional Counselors Continuing Education Credits (Pending).

If you have any questions about the conference itself or would like to request to have a display booth, you may contact June Hermanson at mylfjunch@bresnan.net or at (406)442-2576. Please notify June of accessibility accommodation needs in advance of the conference.

**BE SURE TO FORWARD THIS INVITATION TO
PARENTS, YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES, AND OTHER
PROFESSIONAL AGENCIES.**

A block of rooms has been reserved at the following hotels. The rooms are reserved under the name MT Association of Rehab. for state rate.

Best Western Butte Plaza Inn

1-406-494-3500

War Bonnet Inn

Buttewarbonnet.com

1-800-443-1806

Hampton Inn

1-406-494-2250

Additional Accessible Rms:

Days Inn

1-406-494-7000

**Holiday Inn Express
(Parkside)**

1-888-897-0084

Cost of Registration:

Individual	\$125.00
2-5 Persons	\$475.00
6-10 Persons	\$950.00
Student	\$25.00
Parent	\$25.00
Paraeducator	\$100.00

Scholarships are available to persons with disabilities and their families on a first come—first serve basis. Please see www.cspd.net for application and information.

SEE YOU THERE!

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Pre-Conference Workshop



BASIC AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL)

8:00 AM- 12:00 PM

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

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In only four hours, participants acquire the following skills during this intensive training:

- ♦ Produce and recognize the hand shapes of the Manual Alphabet;
- ♦ Knowledge of the rules of American Sign Language (ASL);
- ♦ Produce and recognize 24 ASL phrases;
- ♦ Produce and recognize signed numbers; and
- ♦ Awareness of ASL resources.



Presenter:

Cindy Powell has been a sign language interpreter since 1975. Cindy has also instructed specialized sign language courses since 1979. When she resided in Missoula and throughout the Great Falls region between 1979 and 1992, Cindy served on Montana Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (MRID) Board of Directors and was a Montana Association of the Deaf (MAD) member. Cindy currently serves on the Colorado Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) Executive Committee.

Details:

To attend the Sign Language Workshop, log on to www.cspd.net and register for the MAR/Youth Transitions Pre-Conference. If already attending the 2009 MAR/Youth Transitions Conference, there is no additional charge to attend this workshop. For those attending **ONLY** the Basic Sign Language workshop, there will be a \$40 registration fee.

For questions regarding registration or regarding the cspd.net website, please contact Nancy Marks at admin@cspd.net or at **406-728-2400 x 1088**.

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Conference Agenda

(DRAFT: Final Copy available at Conference Registration)

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WEDNESDAY, October 7, 2009

8:00 AM- 12:00 PM	PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP: Introduction to ASL Sign-Language Cindy Powell, Meeting the Challenge, Inc.
11:30 AM- 1:00 PM	MT Assoc. of Rehabilitation Membership Luncheon (MAR Members Only)

11:30 AM- 1:00 PM	2009 MAR/ Youth Transitions Conference Registration				
1:00 PM- 2:30 PM	Exhibits Open	WELCOME AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS Keynote Address: Jonathon Mooney “Learning Outside the Lines, Strategies for Parents, Teachers and Students”			
2:45 PM- 3:45 PM		Disability Culture Summit ILC Staff	MT Voc. Rehab: Overview of Services Brigitte Bellefleur, VR	Transition Resources and Services for Success Lori Idland, Disability Rights MT	Disability Navigator Program and MT Workforce Services Division Patti McCubbins, MT Dept. of Labor MonTECH Staff
4:00 PM- 5:00 PM		Building Advocacy and Learning Leadership Skills Summit, ILC Staff	WIPA: Work Incentive Planning and Assistance Margaret Keenen, NCILS	MT Medicaid Buy-In Travis Hoffman Summit, ILC	Disability Etiquette Cindy Powell, DBTEC MonTECH staff available for questions, hands-on demos, etc.
6:00 PM- 8:00 PM		Same Difference Presentation: A Disability Awareness Play Founded in Butte in 2004, the mission of Same Difference Inclusive Theatre Co. is to promote disability awareness and inclusion through theatre arts by fostering the talents of performers with and without disabilities. This event will be hosted at the Event Center in the Butte Plaza Mall. Hors d’oeuvres will be served prior to the performance.			

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THURSDAY, October 8, 2009

7:30 AM- 8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast				
8:30AM- 9:45AM	Keynote Address: Logan, Mike and Kristin Maxwell "The Power of Partnerships: A Story of Success"				
10:00 AM- 11:00 AM	ADA Basics Cindy Powell, DBTAC	Ideas for Selecting and Conducting Transition Assessments for IEP Ann Verploegen, OPI	Transition to Secondary Education Cindy Yarberry UM, COT- Helena	PASS Plans: pt 1 Ellen Condon UM, Rural Institute	Assistive Technology for Successful Transitions MonTECH Staff
11:15 AM- 12:15 PM	You have the Right not to Remain Silent Isaac Baldry, MT-TRIC Theresa Baldry, PLUK	Transition Assessments and Reporting Results in the IEP Ann Verploegen, OPI	Social Security Explained: Youth and Adult Benefits Peggy Murphy, SSA	PASS Plans: pt 2 Ellen Condon UM, Rural Institute	Assistive Technology Hands-on Exploration MonTECH Staff
12:15PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch Break on your own				
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	On Your Mark, Get Set, Are You Job Ready? Michelle Pickell, Treasures Within	Secondary Transition: Connecting Afterschool Goals with the IEP Nikki Sandve, OPI	MYLF: Leading in Your Community MYLF Panel	Planning a Life for Alex Lil Dupree, et al UM, Rural Institute	Assistive Technology Hands-on Exploration MonTECH Staff REPEAT
2:45 PM- 3:45 PM	Region 1 Transition Services Forum	Region 2 Transition Services Forum	Region 3 Transition Services Forum	Region 4 Transition Services Forum	Region 5 Transition Services Forum
4:00 PM- 5:00 PM	Acquired Brain Injury: Case Management and Employment Considerations Robert Snizek, St. Vincent's Healthcare	D.D. Services in MT TBA	Partnering for Solutions Barbara J. Harrold, MSU-Billings	MT Voc. Rehab: Overview of Services Brigitte Bellefleur, VR REPEAT	Youth Cracker Barrel: A Discussion with Youth with Disabilities about Youth Issues Isaac Baldry, Facilitator
5:30 PM- 6:30 PM	MAR President's Address				
6:30 PM- 8:30 PM	Banquet and Award Ceremony				

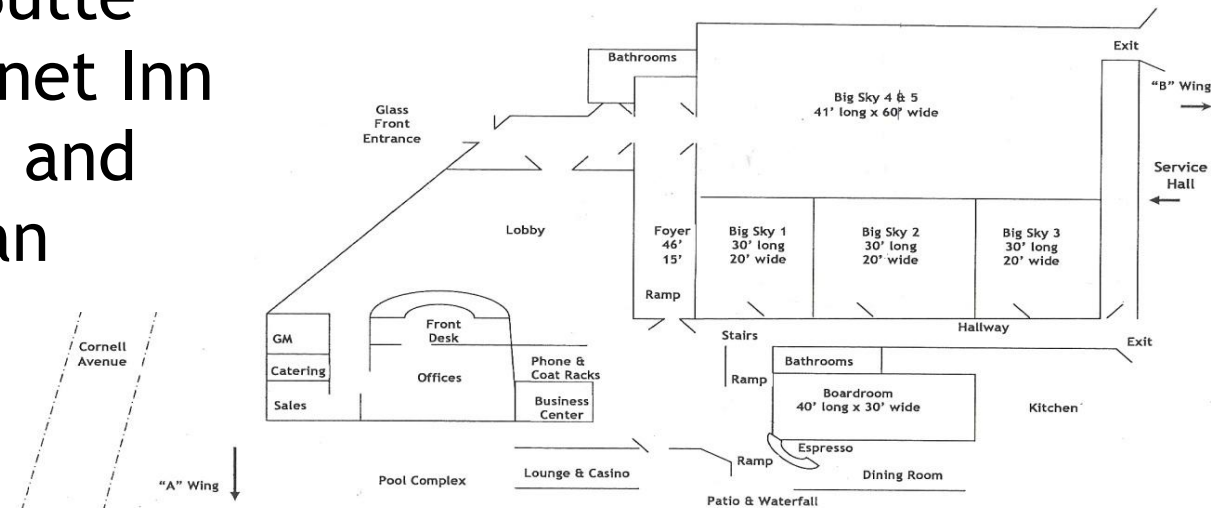
Exhibits Open

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FRIDAY, October 9, 2009

7:30 AM- 8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast					
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Keynote Presentation: Debra Whitehead “Applied Ethical Decision Making in Youth Transition”					
9:45 AM- 10:45 AM	Exhibits Open	AmeriCorps Inclusion Kathy Bean, Governor’s Office on Community Service	Secondary Transition: 17 years old and Beyond Nikki Sandve, OPI	Montana Youth Transitions MYLF Staff	D.D. Services in MT TBA Repeat	
11:00 AM- Noon		ADA Title I (Employment) Cindy Powell, DBTAC	MT Independent Living Services Carol Lambert State-wide Independent Living Council	Social Security Explained: Youth and Adult Benefits Peggy Murphy, SSA Repeat	Parent Panel on Transition Issues for Youth with Mental Health Issues Kandis Franklin, Faciliator	
Receipt of Certificates of Completion and Continuing Education Certificates						
12:00- 1:30 PM	MAR Board Meeting/ Luncheon					

Map of Butte War Bonnet Inn Location and Floor Plan





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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

This scholarship is for persons with disabilities and their families to attend the 2009MAR/ Youth Transitions Conference. There is no deadline for application, but is granted on a first-come, first-serve basis. The scholarship consists of a waiver of the conference registration fee and \$100 reimbursement toward expenses, to be paid after conference attendance.

Please complete this form and return to: June Hermanson, Conference Coordinator

Phone: 406-442-2576

Email: mylfjune@bresnan.net

1617 Euclid Ave., Helena, MT 59601

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Age:

Will you be accompanied by a parent/guardian? ☐ YES

☐ NO

Please describe how you will be traveling to the conference and who will be attending with you:

You will be notified before the date of the conference as to the status of your application.

Supporting Agencies

Office of Public Instruction ~ Governor's Office of Community Service ~ Cut Bank Public Schools
MT Youth Leadership Forum ~ MT Vocational Rehabilitation
MT Assoc. for Rehabilitation ~ MT School for the Deaf and Blind ~ MT Center on Disabilities



**Montana Youth Transition Conference
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2009 AWARDS NOMINATION FORM**



Teacher Leadership for Transition Award

The Teacher Leadership for Transition recognizes an outstanding teacher who has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills in transition. This teacher demonstrates research-based best practices and has gone above and beyond special education compliance for transition.

Best Collaboration Initiative Award

The Best Collaboration Initiative Award recognizes the school team and/or non-profit agency who demonstrate outstanding collaboration. Exceptional partnerships which promote community collaboration on the issue of transition must be demonstrated. Both the school team and/or agency will be recognized.

Date:	Person Submitting the Nomination:
Postion:	
Address:	City/State/Zip:
Telephone: (w) (h)	e-mail:

I wish to nominate:

For the following Award:

Address:	City/State/Zip:
Telephone: (w) (h)	e-mail

Please attach a Letter of Nomination and three (3) Letters of Support with this nomination form.

Award recipients will be recognized Thursday at the banquet on Oct. 8, during the 2009 2nd Annual MAR/ Youth Transitions Conference in Butte, MT. Nominations for awards must be received by September 25, 2009.

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